

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
Final Agenda

March 14-15, 2016
Montana Wild
2668 Broadwater Avenue, Helena, MT

Objectives

- 1) Report work plans and associated strategic plans; receive Council's feedback for the 2016 field season.
- 2) Provide program updates to Council.
- 3) Guest presentations on MSGOT, Farm Bill, Conservation Leases, Cooperative Wildlife Biologist (NWTF, USFS, and FWP).
- 4) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, March 14, 2016

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| 8:15 am | Gather Montana Wild. <i>Beverages provided.</i> |
| 8:30 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions, general housekeeping (Tribby and Hohler)◆ Purpose of Council meeting (Northrup)◆ Meeting highlights, overview and acceptance of October 5, 2015 minutes (Tribby) |
| 9:00 am | Strategic Plan Implementation and Program Objectives; program updates; feedback from Council (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Income, Expenditures, and reoccurring obligations◆ Field manual◆ Open Fields (status)◆ Pheasant releases (status) |
| 10:00 am | Regional Work plans and Strategic Plan Implementation; feedback from the Council (Program Staff) |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch. <i>Lunch will be provided.</i> |
| 1:00 pm | Cooperative positions: Introductions and overview of positions (Northrup) |
| 1:15 pm | Cooperative positions: Anticipated work: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. David Nikonow, NWTF Cooperative Wildlife Biologist2. Charlie Holtz, PF Cooperative Habitat Specialist3. PF Farm Bill Biologists (Dan Bailey) |

2:00 pm	Public Comment Period
3:00 pm	Opportunity to discuss topics from today's meeting (Tribby)

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

8:15 am	Gather Montana Wild. <i>Beverages provided.</i>
8:30 am	Overview of today's topics (Tribby)
8:45 am	Carolyn Sime: Montana Sage-Grouse Conservation Strategy Overview and Update
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Heidi Brewer and Alison Hoffer: Overview of the current Farm Bill Programs. Council and department discussion on ways UGBEP can complement Farm Bill programs.
11:00	Catherine Wightman: Overview of FWP Conservation leases
11:45 am	Council's summary on department's work plans implementation of the Strategic Plan: Input to the department
12:30 pm	Lunch. <i>Bagged lunches provided.</i>
1:00 pm	Begin meeting wrap-up (Tribby).

Helpful Info

Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736>
Next Meeting: Plentywood -- October 5 and 6.